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Dear Ms. Seymour:

On or about October 4, 2019, the Maryland Department of Health received your request pursuant to the Public Information Act, Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. ("GP") § § 4-101-4-601, seeking the below listed information. Please find the response to your request from Maryland's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (MD PDMP).

1. Risk score algorithm information: Any and all records including information about the algorithm that determines risk scores in WORx, including but not limited to its source code, developer documentation, and operator manuals (e.g. Narx Score, Overdose Risk Score)

We assume this question is meant to reference the MD PDMP, not WORx, which is the Wyoming Online Prescription Database, or the Wyoming PDMP. There is no algorithm that determines risk scores implemented in the MD PDMP at this time.

2. De-identified red flag outputs: Any and all records of de-identified red flag algorithm outputs (e.g. provider red flag, pharmacy red flag, 40 MED red flag) and patient behavioral red flags (e.g., anxious patient demeanor, distance between prescriber and dispenser) with prescriber/dispenser training documentation on how to address the red flags

The MD PDMP does not have de-identified red flag outputs at this time. However, enclosed is a copy of the 2018 Maryland PDMP Annual Report which summarizes its efforts to educate providers regarding identified patients with multiple providers issuing the same or similar prescriptions. In addition, enclosed is a copy of the resource sheet given to providers who receive such educational letters.

We have responded fully to your request. If you are dissatisfied with the MD PDMP's response, you may refer any concerns to Lisa Kershner, the Public Access Ombudsman. Ms. Kershner may be reached at [lkershner@oag.state.md.us](mailto:lkershner@oag.state.md.us) or at 410-576-7037. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the processing of your request, you may contact our office directly at 410-402-8686 or [mdh.pdmp@maryland.gov](mailto:mdh.pdmp@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate Jackson", written in a cursive style.

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